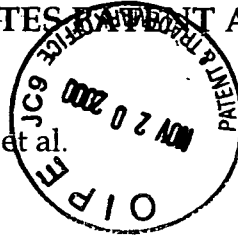


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In Re Appln. of: Robert Filepp et al.
Serial No.: 08/158,029
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Title: **METHOD FOR LOCATING APPLICATION RECORDS
IN AN INTERACTIVE-SERVICE DATABASE**

**REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY
AND
REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accord with the Notice of Allowability, accompanying the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, dated August 17, 2000 issued in this application, Applicants have enclosed a set of formal drawing. However, the Examiner's request in the Notice of Allowability for inclusion of "changes" to the drawings is inconsistent with and not supported by the file history in this application. Accordingly, Applicants' request clarification of the Examiner's remarks.

More specifically, in the Notice of Allowability, a copy of which is attached, that accompanied the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated August 17, 2000, Examiner Amsbury, in addition to noting allowance of claims 1-15 responsive to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, indicated:

1. Applicants must submit new formal drawings; and

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2. Include changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawings Review, PTO-948 attached to the Notice, or to Paper 6 of the application.

Applicants, as noted, have provided new formal drawings attached hereto. However, no Drawing Review Form PTO-948 was attached to the Notice of Allowability or to Paper No. 6, the Examiner's Final rejection of Applicants' claims 1-15 dated January 1, 1995. Further Applicants' attorney upon reviewing his application file finds that no changes to Applicants' drawings have been required in this application. In fact, the only Drawing Review Form, PTO-948, Applicants received in connection with their application was received in connection with the Examiner's first official action dated April 28, 1994, also attached, and which states that the drawings originally filed 1/26/93 are not objected to. ✓

In view of the above, it would appear that the Examiner's notation in the Notice of Allowability of need for drawing changes is in error. Accordingly, in view of the apparent error, Applicants request clarification of the Examiner's remarks.

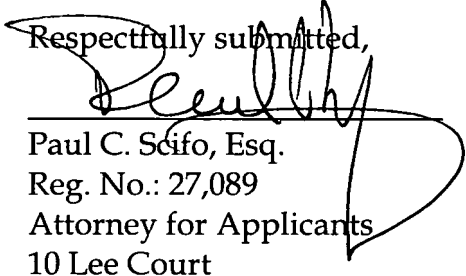
Further, Applicants' attorney telephoned Examiner Amsbury November 15, 2000, seeking clarification of the Examiner's remarks. However, in that telephone conversation, the Examiner noted the Patent and Trademark Office file for the subject application was unavailable to him, and he requested Applicants send a formal request for clarification to the Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile transmission ((703) 308-5403) for review, which Applicants are hereby undertaking.

Further, in an effort to avoid delay and in view of the presumed error of the Examiner's requirements regarding the need for drawing changes, Applicants have, as

noted, included an set of formal drawings herewith. Still further, in addition to forwarding the noted material to Examiner Amsbury by facsimile, Applicants have also forward confirmation copies of the noted materials to the Patent and Trademark Office by mail together with the payment of the application issue fee due.

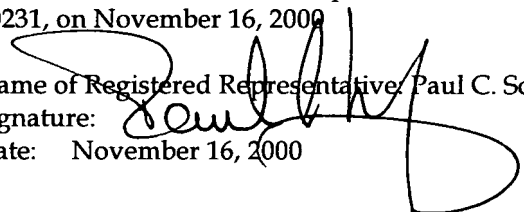
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